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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, beginning on line 18 (“Preferably, (p + q) ...”) and insert the following paragraph in lieu thereof:

-- Preferably, (p + q) is not less than 4 and especially not less than 10. It is also preferred that (p + q) is not greater than 1000 and especially not greater than 500. The ratio of p:q may vary from 10:1 to 1:10 and preferably from 5:1 to 1:5 ~~by molar ratio~~. It is, however, preferred that the ~~molar~~ ratio of p:q is from 1:1 to 5:1, i.e., the dispersant contains a greater molar amount of the polyester chain derivable from hydroxycarboxylic acids wherein all the hydrocarboxylic acids contain an optionally alkyl substituted C₂₋₆-alkylene group, or lactones thereof. Particularly useful ~~dispersant~~ dispersants have been obtained when the ~~molar~~ ratio of p:q is 4:1. --